Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

--The selection of a particular format for the graphical symbol 135 can depend on the particular application, such [[asthe]]as the expected workflow in which the form will be used. Some graphical symbols are more robust with respect to typical workflow damage, page skewing (e.g., when faxing), spillage and obliteration than others. Some graphical symbols may be more compact, taking up less space on the form, while others, such as the DataGlyph, may be less visually obtrusive or more aesthetically pleasing. A PDF417 barcode exhibits the advantages of denser data representation under poor imaging circumstances, e.g. faxing, is an open standard and is widely used.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

--FIG. 4 is a flowchart showing a method 400 for extracting user data from a form that incorporates a graphical symbol encoding zoning and structural information into the form. The method can be implemented in an OCR/ICR program, such as Adobe® Capture, available from Adobe Systems Incorporated of San Jose, California. A paper copy of a completed form (i.e., a form in which a user has filled in one or more fields with user data) that includes a graphical symbol encoding zoning and structural information is received by a form recipient. An electronic representation of thepaperthe paper form is created,[[,]] for example, an image file created by image scanning the paper copy using a document scanner to create a PDF file. Alternatively, an image file of a completed form can be directly received by the recipient, for example, if the user scans and e-mails the completed form to the recipient.--